

Please find attached an urgent submission in response to reports that some care home providers are restricting new admissions and visitors.

Thanks

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SGoRR colleagues,

Grateful if below can be taken forward with the relevant officials.

Thanks,

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All,

The First Minister would be grateful for advice on the following issue as a matter of urgency. A friend of the First Minister whose relative is in a care home received the letter below from the home today.

FM said it rather makes the point that people are starting to vote with their feet. But it also begs the question of whether we need to issue some additional urgent advice to the care home sector? FM would be grateful for thoughts/advice?

"Dear Relative,

Following on from our previous notification and the escalation of the cases of Coronavirus nationally we have made the decision to limit visiting to the care home. We ask that you cooperate with us and so not visit the care home until we notify you otherwise.

We appreciate this escalation of preventative measures may cause some anxiety but the decision has been reached following careful consideration of the risk factors facing our very vulnerable residents.

We will keep you updated on the health and wellbeing of your relative, with the staff giving you a call twice a week, as of today all future admissions to the care home have been suspended."

Regards

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